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A.H.S. Members who were recent visitors to the State of Florida, particularly the Hibiscus Garden at Cypress Gardens, and our business office were: Mr. (Director) and Mrs. H. S. Moles and sister of Baton Rogue, Louisiana, Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Smith of Memphis, Tennessee, and Miss Louise Coley of High Point, N. C.

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Dear Members: Two years ago we were a small group of 249 paid members and four active chapters. Today we are mailing between 900 and 1000 quarterly Bulletins to our members and thirteen active chapters. A lot has been accomplished and this has been due to the wonderful cooperation you have given to your President, Board of Directors and your Executive Secretary and I do thank you from the bottom of my heart. I leave you at the close of the Annual Meeting with the kindest thoughts and a heart filled with appreciation for your cooperation. I shall always promote HIBISCUS and our American Hibiscus Society - a group of wonderful people and I love all of you. Most Sincerely, Billie S. Calais - 1956 - 1958.

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SPECIAL AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE - Given by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, April 18, 1958. I quote the Tampa Morning Tribune (April 19, 1958). "HARRY R. GOULDING, PUNTA GORDA, FOR NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT IN HYBRIDIZING, GROWING AND DISSEMINATING HIBISCUS". Our own Harry R. Goulding! Congratulations, Sir- you are so deserving. (In the next issue of our SEED POD I will tell you about my nice trip with Myrtle Hudson, Hibiscus Nursery, Daytona Beach, calling on Mr. & Mrs. Goulding, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Philo, Mr. & Mrs. Anton Kuhn, Floton's, Mrs. Norman Reasoner, Trail Nursery, and many others.)



CYPRESS GARDENS DINING ROOM
American Hibiscus Society Convention

Please reserve _____ picnic luncheons
Reservation due by July 7.

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Dear Mrs. Calais:

I enjoyed the Feb.-Mar.-April, 1958 issue of the SEED POD immensely.

Your letter telling about your trip to Texas was most interesting, I also enjoyed Mr. Runyon's letter; but the greatest surprise was the letter from Mr. Porter D. Curry of Houston and it was one of the nicest letters that I ever read. I am very anxious to see his collection of hibiscus, and he has promised to call me when some of the better varieties are in bloom. I am going to trade him some cuttings of Jane Evans for some other variety, probably Kona as that is one of my favorites.

My hibiscus are slow in putting out new growth, and if I don't spray for aphids soon, I'm afraid that I won't have any plants at all. I never saw so many insects so early in the season.

I hope that you make another trip to Texas soon and I hope that I will be at home the next time. I have been very busy this month judging flower shows and will attend the meeting of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., in Ft. Worth April 23 and 24th.

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